



WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have played a vital role in the life of our country, and their many contributions have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, by celebrating National American Indian Heritage month, we reaffirm our commitment to remember those contributions and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants, and

WHEREAS, this special observance reflects the rich heritage and great influence that American Indians and Alaska Natives have contributed to our nation's history and culture and also reflects our continuing commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments as an integral part of the social, political, and economic fabric of the United States.

WHEREAS, as we celebrate this millenium year, we have an exciting opportunity to open a new era of understanding, cooperation, and respect among all of America's people, and we must work together to tear down the walls of separation and mistrust and build a strong foundation for the future, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose G. Krasnow, along with the Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim November 2000 as National American Indian Heritage Month, and urge all Americans, as well as their elected representatives at the Federal, State, Local, and Tribal levels, to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.


Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

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